



**SPORTS FOR SOLDIER PATIENTS** . . . Volleyball is an invigorating game which builds healthy appetites and puts a California sun-tan on the backs of convalescents. The Army hospital at Torrance has several courts, and is building more, in addition to three tennis courts, for its new rehabilitation program.



**SOLDIER REHABILITATION AT TORRANCE ARMY HOSPITAL** . . . Gardening and beautification of grounds around their own wards at the Army hospital in Torrance gives patients a continuing interest in life, and benefits the men as much as it does the shrubbery. The hospital has undertaken a giant rehabilitation program for the veterans from battlefields overseas and those sick or injured on domestic duty. Seventy-five percent of the patients are overseas casualties.



**RIDING AIDS REHABILITATION** . . . Cavalry-trained horses in the stables of the Army hospital at Torrance give convalescent patients a lift on the way to recovery. Horses are shod and cared for by a staff of medical detachment personnel at the Torrance hospital.—(Official U.S. Signal Corps Photos)

## TORRANCE ARMY HOSPITAL SCENE OF REHABILITATION COURSE FOR WAR VETERANS

At Torrance Station Hospital there is a new idea in medical treatment. The honary practice of armies the world over has been to call a man either "fit for duty" or "sick" and treat him accordingly. Stagnation and slow recovery resulted from inactivity in hospitals.

Exercise and activity are now recognized as essential in bridging the gap between "sick" and "duty," and under a new program adopted by the Surgeon General's office after being successfully used by the Air Corps, "reconditioning" has become a part of the routine in all Army Service Forces hospitals.

No rigid schedules are laid down, but each hospital is left to work out its own plan according to facilities available, and insofar as possible, to fit each individual patient's needs for quick recovery.

At the Torrance hospital

horseback riding is featured. It is made possible by a stable of 28 riding horses maintained at the hospital since this spring. All are beautiful, perfectly trained cavalry mounts.

A staff of experienced enlisted men of the hospital medical detachment keep the horses in perfect condition. Plenty of McClellan saddles are available and an outdoor smithy enables quick replacement of lost shoes.

**Ideal Location**

Broad fields and open farm country around the hospital make ideal terrain for riding and every afternoon one is almost sure to hear the "minutiae thunder" of hoofs as patients take to the saddle.

In explaining the program, undertaken last month, Lt. Robert Ecton, officer in charge, used the phrase "planned convalescence." Every patient is checked by ward officers for full or limited fitness to participate, special exercises being worked out for those with partial disabilities.

Other physical activities include group calisthenics and such outdoor sports as softball, volleyball, badminton and horse-shoes. For patients confined to wards, such less active games as table tennis, croquet, shuffleboard and pool are made possible by a stock of equipment in the hospital Special Service office. Work is under way on three tennis courts and two new volleyball courts.

Gardening and work on hospital grounds also takes patients out in the good air and sunshine, gets them used to the feel of a hoe or spade, and transfers their thoughts from their own ailments to those of wilting shrubs or flowers.

**Mental Attention**

Nor is the mental side neglected in this "all-out" program. Every day all patients participating gather in the Special Service orientation room for a period of news and discussion. Plans currently are being made to bring well-known lecturers from time to time to speak to patients. A well-stocked library and a book-cart which travels the wards each day furnish plenty of reading material.

In the afternoon, a two-hour period is set aside for work on various vocational projects, through which the men develop skills, such as photography, handling of plastics, or any type of artistic handicraft.

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Lt. Ecton is assisted by Pfc. David Dorton, and Cpl. Bob Harris and Pfc. Austin Neinhauer, who were assigned to the hospital specifically for the job after completing a six weeks' course at the Rehabilitation School at Camp Grant, Ill.

The program was instituted at the hospital following a Ninth Service Command reconditioning conference held in June, at which officers from the Surgeon General's office outlined objectives.

About 75 percent of the patients undergoing this convalescing course are veterans of foreign battle fronts and the balance are soldiers who have been serving domestic duty in the area of the Ninth Service Command, which takes in the five western states.

## Thomas Dewey To Speak In L. A. Tomorrow

Residents of Los Angeles and surrounding communities will be able to see and hear the 1944 Republican presidential candidate—Thomas E. Dewey—at one of the west's most colorful and impressive political rallies to be held in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum next Friday, Sept. 22.

Dewey's speech is expected to be one of the most outstanding political addresses of his entire national tour. Scores of leading western Republican party leaders will be present and the public is invited.

Admission is free and no tickets are needed. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. and the program, including stars of stage, screen and radio, starts at 7 p.m. sharp. Grover C. Whyte, publisher of the Torrance Herald, and Frank S. Selover, city editor, will be the guests of Norman Chandler at a reception of Southern California newspapermen in Hotel Biltmore on Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. for Gov. Dewey.

## Local Plants Asked to Send Men to School

The Air Technical Service Command of the Western Procurement District will hold a termination training course for contractor personnel in Long Beach on Thursday, Oct. 5, at the Masonic Temple, 835 Locust ave. The course will formally open at 9 a.m. and the agenda, including discussion periods, will be completed by 5 p.m. Adequate restaurant facilities are available in close proximity.

The course will be conducted under the supervision of Col. Robert M. Alton, chief, readjustment training section of the Air Technical Service Command. The Smaller War Plants Corporation is the cosponsor and will be represented by D. C. Guest and P. J. Easton.

Prime, sub and sub-sub contractors to the Army, Navy, Maritime Commission, Ordnance and other government agencies are requested to send representatives.

### LOST DOG

"Lucky," a handsome female toy collie, tan with white markings, strayed Tuesday from her home near Victor and Huntington in West Torrance. She was wearing a harness and Torrance license. A generous reward will be paid by her owners, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Slattery, Route 1, Box 111-a, Torrance, for information leading to her return.

## William Davis Recovering From Burns

William C. Davis, 25, of 2500 Border ave., Torrance, today was reported on his way to recovery after the harrowing experience of having the big oil tank truck he was driving catch fire at Wilmington, the explosion burning his hair, face, hands and chest.

The disaster occurred Monday night as Davis was pumping oil from a large storage tank into the tank of the truck which he was driving for a Long Beach firm.

Davis ran, rolled and crawled 200 yards to a house in the oil field which is east of the Texas Company refinery and aroused the occupants, H. H. Hardwick and family. Hardwick extinguished the fire still in Davis' clothes and called Long Beach police and firemen.

Equipment from both Wilmington and Long Beach fought the fire, stringing a hose from a hydrant half a mile away and north of Pacific Coast highway. The hose sprang several leaks to hamper the work. The fire destroyed the \$7,500 truck, along with its 18 precious tires, but was warded off the tanks.

Davis was sent to Seaside Hospital, Long Beach, where last reports indicated he was out of danger, although painfully burned.

## Philip Russell Promoted to First Lieutenant

First Lt. Philip M. Russell, Army Ordnance, of 2103 Arlington ave., Torrance, Calif., stationed at the Charleston, S. C., Port of Embarkation, has been promoted from the rank of second lieutenant, it is announced by Port Headquarters.

A graduate of Dayton, Ohio, High School, Lt. Russell held an administrative clerical position before he went into the Army. He attended Ordnance Officers' Candidate School and was commissioned a second lieutenant in January, 1943. He has been at the Charleston Port since that time.

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Help keep the next list down! Call American Red Cross Blood Donor Service, Civic Auditorium, Torrance 1924.

Keep your appointments; the fighting men keep theirs! Last year the Red Cross collected 5,625,351 pints of blood. That's a lot—but the Army and Navy say it's the war's greatest life-saver. And despite European victories, they will have to increase that figure by 5,000,000 in 1944.

That means the nation's quota is 10,000,000 pints a week. So remember, your biggest home-front job: "Give Blood to Save a Life."

Large unit, 400 quota, will be at the Civic Auditorium Friday, Sept. 22, 2 to 6 p.m. One hundred more donors are needed.

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## DRAW POKER ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED FOR FINAL READING BY CITY COUNCIL

Playing of draw poker, for fee, will be illegal in Torrance in about a month as a result of the final passage of the anti-gambling ordinance by the City Council Tuesday night. The vote was 4 to 1, Councilman J. E. Hitchcock dissenting.

No protest was heard from the small audience present, although James Judge, commander of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post, and James O'Toole, service officer, who proffered the initial passage of the ordinance, were present.

Asked for a statement of their intentions, Judge said they had none at the present.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, it is reported, already have leased the former Torrance Japanese school, now under control of the alien property custodian, for the purpose of opening a "country club and headquarters" under city license previously issued. The school is located near the Torrance-Gardena line, just off Western ave. on Market st.

The Torrance Moose lodge, with 250 members, has protested the passage of the ordinance. The lodge already has endorsed the "recreation center" plan under which the V.F.W. is proceeding and its members play draw poker regularly, officers said. The new ordinance would force the Moose to discontinue playing the card game, members said.

The council Tuesday night sold six tracts of land for taxes, thus returning them to the rolls, prior to the introduction of the V.F.W. letter by James Judge, post commander.

**SISTER VISITS**

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Felker will entertain as their house guest this week his sister, Mrs. Sadie Felker of Epps, La.

## Torrance General Plant Included In Expansion Program of PAW

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Approval of the \$1,911,462 project by the Los Angeles area production urgency committee was announced by Chairman Louis M. Dreyes. Also involved are the Union Oil and Texas companies, whose lines, with General, will thus be linked with wells drilled by the Standard Oil Company. The move assures preferred rating on manpower needed to rush the job to completion, Dreyes explained.

Following are other projects also approved:

El Segundo: Alterations of Standard Oil Company's El Segundo plant at a cost of \$64,000 to increase production of butadiene, and installation of additional facilities for handling propane at a cost of \$21,000.

Long Beach: Installation of a gas dehydration plant by the Municipal Gas Department of the City of Long Beach, to remove water vapor and improve the quality of gas supplied by the company. Cost, \$40,000.

Los Angeles: Construction by Republic Supply Co. of Los Angeles of a brick building at 1753

Workman st. for use in manufacture of oil well cementing trucks and other production equipment. Cost, \$129,433.

Norwalk: Building of storage tanks and other equipment at Norwalk by the Wilshire Oil Co. to conserve natural gas in refining processes. Cost, \$31,766.

## Interest In Flight Strip Revived Here

New community interest in the Lomita flight strip which probably will be abandoned by the military services at the conclusion of the Pacific war, however busy at intervals in the meantime, rises with the reminder that the feeder lines conference at San Francisco is coming up in November.

The community which takes advantages of opportunities as they are presented is in the same position in the long run as a sound business man and community leaders feel authorities should closely watch the destiny of this parcel of land.

The flight strip has survived the test of a great deal of military use. It is a safe flying field, unobstructed by things found near other airports.

Leading Torrance's efforts to guard the future of the strip and of civilian flying in this area, Mayor W. H. Tolson and Harry B. Lewis, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, are scheduled to attend the San Francisco conference. The session will be held by the Civil Aeronautics Authority and will deal mainly with future short lines feeding major air lines and the facilities to be provided for local aviation.

## Leslie Magor Is Manager of Longren Plant

Leslie H. Magor has come from Northrop Aircraft, Inc., to take over management of Longren Aircraft Co., Torrance, it has been announced.

Magor formerly was vice president of the White Motor Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, in charge of the Pacific Coast area.

Chapman Wentworth, former general manager of Longren, left recently to enter the United States Navy. His brother, Hampden Wentworth, engineer who designed the plant, also is in the Naval service.

Longren recently announced that a gigantic postwar program soon will be made public.

## Lt. Col. Creager Back After Duty In Foreign Port

Lt. Col. Emery C. (Tiny) Creager (6 feet 5 1/2 inches in height and weighing 325 pounds) is back at the Army Port of Embarkation here after serving for longer than a year as director of stevedoring operations for the Persian Gulf Command.

Creager is known to many Lomitanes and is known in the service as "the biggest colonel in the Army."

He came back to this country wearing the Order of Survivor, given him by Russia for his work in speedily dispatching lend-lease materials to the U.S. S.R.

Creager is home for assignment to new duties, ostensibly at the Army port here. He was a dock boss at the harbor for 20 years before he entered the Army.

## ATTEMPT TO KEEP KOORS AS BUS ORDER ATTACKED AND SCHEDULE REVISIONS LOOM

Torrance Municipal bus department was in a continued state of unrest today as efforts were being made to convince the City Council that Charles F. Koors, traffic engineer, should be retained in an advisory capacity until Jan. 1, 1945, and the council itself took a hand in the operation of the city's transportation system.

Three facts came out this week in the shakeup, the result of which depends upon which group can hold the one vote necessary to control the situation, the lineup being Councilmen N. H. Cued, G. V. Powell and C. M. Gilbert against Koors; Mayor W. H. Tolson and Councilman J. E. Hitchcock for the traffic engineer.

1. Cancellation of the order for six new Hall-Scott driven Crown Body and Coach Co. buses ordered a few months ago. Efforts were being made to locate the bids, compare prices and break the Crown order in favor of another company. C. Z. Ward, bus manager, says that White buses are available; Koors said that he has checked the whole market and that Crown offers the best delivery of any manufacturer. Crown is said to have its first bus ready for painting now.

2. City Council inquiry into schedules and possible cancellation of the "loop service" for local patronage because it is not paying. Proponents of local service say the profits of the Los Angeles run should carry the loss of pioneering service between the various residential districts and the Torrance business district. Manager Ward is said to favor extension of loop service to Lomita, Harbor City and other residential districts in the Torrance trading area. Engineer Koors with the new buses is favoring even a wider scope, running between Torrance and Redondo Beach, Long Beach and other points, as well as giving complete local service.

3. Local business men were taking an interest in the situation in an effort to bring about the most satisfactory adjustment of the dispute and have urged that Koors be retained until Jan. 1 in a purely advisory capacity to aid in revamping the schedules and reorganizing the department.

Call Ward

The City Council called Ward for a conference Tuesday night, and it is said that schedules were the main topic of conversation aside from the Crown deal.

Meanwhile, Koors is not particularly concerned with his future in Torrance, he said, except that he would like to complete the reorganization plans and revamping of schedules which he has undertaken.

Reason for the indifferent attitude, he said, was that he considered himself in a temporary capacity in the first place and that he has another assignment on which he is now working, which needs his full time.

Koors' contract was canceled by the city council on Sept. 12 and Ward reassumed control of the department.

**AIR MEDAL, FOUR OAK LEAF CLUSTERS GIVEN RADCLIFF**

For "meritorious achievement in aerial flight" and for the destruction of a German Messerschmitt 108, the Air Medal and four Oak Leaf Clusters were presented the next of kin of Technical Sergeant George E. Radcliff, Mrs. Bessie E. Radcliff, his wife, of 1808 W. 204th st., Torrance, Sunday afternoon.

Sergeant Radcliff is carried by the War Department as missing in action.

**RATHBURN HOME**

George D. Rathburn, gunner, 1 1/2, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Rathburn, 2325 21st st., spent the weekend at home from his local base. He has been stationed at San Francisco and is now awaiting orders for overseas duty.

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